

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 3, 2011

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

The following members were present:

Ira Berkowitz	Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Mimi Deem	Omri Praiss
Marguerite Garrick	Eric Schneider
Rosemary Hardy	

Excused/Absent:

Brad Bernstein
Michelle Harris

Also present:

Patty DeForrest

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience: There were no addresses from the audience.

Ms. DeForrest announced reappointments to the Commission; Mr. Schneider, Mr. Berkowitz, and Ms. Hardy will serve for three more years. Their terms will end on June 30, 2014. Further, two new members were appointed by the BOA. Ms. Laurel Harrington and Ms. Melanie Tamsky will begin serving on the Commission in November.

Tennis Center Project: The contractor will begin working on a design for the Tennis Center this week. The project will go out to bid in January 2012.

Ms. DeForrest read a resolution to the Commission about approving the submittal of a municipal park grant application for replacement of the Tennis Courts in Shaw Park. The resolution included reasons why the Tennis Courts need to be replaced and the advantages of new courts. The grant request is for \$230,000, which is the maximum amount allowable for our city based on its population. (Please see the attached resolution for additional details.)

Mr. Schneider made a motion supporting moving forward with the Tennis Center grant application as stated in the resolution. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director's Report

Artist Selection: The four artists will give presentations on either December 5 or December 12. Ms. DeForrest will notify the Commission as soon as the evening meeting date is finalized. Once the artist selection committee chooses the art piece for the Centennial Garden, they will make a recommendation to the CCF Board, the Commission and the BOA. The BOA will make the final decision based on the artist selection committee's input.

CCF – Clayton Centennial Book: The history section of CCF is working on a new history book for the 2013 Centennial celebration. The book should be completed by spring. A photographer has been hired to take photos of the City for the book.

Dog Park Survey: Ms. DeForrest stated that residents are beginning to receive phone calls advising that they will be receiving a Dog Park Survey in the mail.

The Dog Park survey results along with some other pertinent information will be looked at by the BOA. The Commission will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions about the results.

Hanley Park Pavilion: Bids for the Hanley Park Pavilion came in significantly over budget. Ms. DeForrest is working with the two lowest bidders to see if they will lower their bid. If neither bidder reduces their bid, the City will make revisions and put the project out for bid again.

A Centennial Celebration Committee has been formed; Ms. Goodman is the chairman.

Board of Education (BOE) Summer Camp Meeting: This Wednesday the BOE is conducting a meeting to discuss summer camps. The Clayton School District (CSD) did a lot of research about camps. In the meeting they will talk about what direction to take with summer camps going forward. The SummerQuest program raised challenges, including financial and space constraints.

Program Brochure: Ms. DeForrest explained the current program registration process with the Commission and asked for their feedback about proposed changes, presented to her by staff. The consensus was to include the online start date in the previous brochure. Also, the group agreed it is acceptable to move the start date up a few days and allow a three day window for brochures to arrive in the mail.

Capital Improvement Program Plan: Ms. DeForrest distributed the proposed CIP program for FY 2012-2014 document. (See attached document for additional details) She stated it was very telling to see the cost of infrastructure over the next eight years. The city is invested in our parks and has acquired \$500,000 in the budget to fund park projects.

New Business/Old Business: Ms. Deem asked the Commission if there were any topics they would like to address in the future. No new recommendations were brought forth.

Ms. Berkley Gunther, a Clayton resident who resides in the Park Tower, asked a few questions about current and future happenings in the City. Ms. DeForrest provided her details about upcoming park projects, including the potential of an ice rink cover, Haddington Court FIMA buyout, and the landscape project in front of the ice rink. Ms. Gunther will present the information at an upcoming Park Tower meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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